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DSHS SERVICES AT A GLANCE: CLIENT DATA SNAPSHOT IS UPDATED

OLYMPIA –The Washington Department of Social and Health Services has freshly updated a set of data that provides a revealing snapshot of the clients who receive services from DSHS and from 100,000 businesses, non-profit organizations and individual care providers who are paid to deliver services.

“A Day in the Life of Washington Without DSHS” is a regular feature on [“DSHS in Detail”](#) the department’s online briefing pages.

Based on data as of March 2003, these are some of the services that are provided on a typical day by DSHS and its contracted providers.

On a single day in Washington State, without the services provided through DSHS:

- Over one million people would be without some type of social service.
- 900,000 people are without health insurance.
- 100 babies would be born today without health coverage.
- 139,000 women and children would be without cash assistance.
- 40,000 families would be without cash assistance.
- 116,000 women and children would be without subsidized child care.
- 21,000 older or disabled people would not be receiving care today in nursing homes, boarding homes, and adult family homes.
- 24,000 older and disabled people, living at home, would need help with feeding, bathing, ambulation, or personal care.
- 1,300 severely disturbed mentally ill adults now residing at Eastern State Hospital and Western State Hospital would be without treatment and supervision.
- 6,600 people with developmental disabilities would be without residential care.
- Over 1,800 juvenile offenders would be without supervision.
- 216 cases of suspected child abuse or neglect would go without investigation.
- 67 cases of suspected abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult would not be investigated.
- 182 civilly committed sex predators would be at large rather than undergoing treatment in a secure and supervised setting.

- 13,000 people would be without drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment services.

From an economic standpoint, nearly 100,000 contracted providers would not receive \$14 million in federal and state payments today to provide services to Washington residents.

For more details about DSHS clients, see the DSHS Research and Data Analysis website at: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/rda/research/default.htm>.

For DSHS budget data, see the DSHS Budget website at: <http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/budget/index.shtml>.

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